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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 6, 2001 (the response to which is set to expire, without extension, on April 16, 2002 per the Decision dated March 6, 2002), kindly enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1-10 with the following new claims for consideration by the

Examiner:

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11. (New) A rotor disc assembly for use in an electrical machine, the rotor disc assembly comprising a rotor disc and at least one circumferential rotor rim mounted on the rotor disc, the rotor rim comprising at least one row of alternate magnets and laminated pole pieces comprising laminations, the laminations in each pole piece being supported by at least one bolt which extends through the rotor disc, a clearance air gap being provided to electrically insulate the laminations from the bolt passing therethrough.